

PADIHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Town Hall,  
PADIHAM.

23rd July, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District  
Council of Padiham.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my eighteenth Annual Report dealing with the health of the inhabitants of Padiham during the year 1943.

Acting on the instructions of the Ministry of Health, this report will be an interim report confined to essential or urgent matters which have affected the Public Health during the year, outbreak of Infectious Diseases, etc.

STATISTICS.

Population:- Estimated Population in 1943 - 9,548  
No. of Live Births registered:- Males - 75 (Leg. 69, Illeg. 6)  
Females - 63 (Leg. 56, Illeg. 7)  
Total - 138.  
No. of Still Births:- Males - 2, Females - 1, Total - 3.  
No. of Deaths Registered:- Males - 72, Females - 79,  
Total - 151.  
No. of Deaths under one year of age:- Males - 6, Females - 2,  
Total - 8.  
Infantile Death Rate per 1000 live births:- 57.9  
Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population:- 10.44  
Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated population:- 15.8

Causes of Death:-

Whooping Cough . . . . .	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	4
Other forms of Tuberculosis . . . . .	1
Influenza . . . . .	9
Acute Infantile Encephalitis . . . . .	1
Cancer and Malignant Disease . . . . .	17
Diabetes . . . . .	2
Intracranial Vascular Lesions . . . . .	12
Heart Disease . . . . .	43
Other diseases of the Circulatory System . . . . .	8
Bronchitis . . . . .	7
Pneumonia . . . . .	3
Other Respiratory Diseases . . . . .	4
Other Digestive Diseases . . . . .	2
Nephritis . . . . .	5
Other Maternal Deaths . . . . .	1
Premature Births . . . . .	2
Congenital Malformations and Birth Injuries . . . . .	4
Suicide . . . . .	2
Other Violent Causes . . . . .	6
All other Causes . . . . .	17

## SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Unemployment still showed a very substantial decrease on the previous year, due, of course, to the transfer of men and women to occupations concerned with war activities.

A large number of the Firms doing essential work are running their own canteens and in addition there is a Municipal Restaurant.

In my opinion all these canteens should be able to cater better for patients suffering from such complaints as Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer, Diabetes, etc. and so reduce the absenteeism due to sickness from these complaints.

The Health of the inhabitants has been remarkably good during the year and so far as recreations are concerned full advantage was taken of all the facilities controlled by the Local Authority and the various Sunday Schools, etc.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply:- The Water Supply has been good, both in quality and quantity. Bacteriologically the water is keeping up to the standard one expects from Chlorination.

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

No. of premises visited ... ..	3,362
No. of defects or nuisances -	
No. discovered ..	793
Visits to Factories ... ..	13
" Slaughterhouses . . . . .	16
" Cowsheds and Dairies . . . . .	20
" Infectious Diseases . . . . .	370
No. of rooms disinfected after Infectious	
Disease.	190
No. of rooms disinfected after Tuberculosis	16
No. of articles disinfected by steam .. .	112
No. of drains tested by smoke or colour	
tests.	10
Preliminary letters and notices sent out ..	249
Statutory notices served .. . . .	25
Letters of special requirements . . . . .	435
Whitewash brushes lent out . . . . .	139

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

All the activities associated with the inspection and supervision of Food have been closely watched by the Sanitary Inspector during the year.

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ETC.

1943 was more or less a normal year apart from two outbreaks of Scarlet Fever and Measles.

Only two cases of Diphtheria cropped up and here of course credit must be given to the Immunisation Clinics which have been held each month. During 1943 49 pre-school children and 100 school children were immunised by me.



148 cases of Scarlet Fever occurred but the type of the disease was mild and no deaths occurred.

163 cases of Measles were reported and here again the type was on the whole mild and no deaths were recorded.

50 cases of Whooping Cough were reported.

Tuberculosis:- 17 cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year, 10 pulmonary and 7 non-pulmonary.

In connection with my duties as Medical Officer in charge of the First Aid Post and the Rescue and Ambulance Services I would once again like to voice my appreciation of the services rendered by the members. The attendances at practices have been particularly good and the members have been exceptionally keen in carrying out their duties.

The work done in the Sanitary Department has been well up to the usual good standard which we expect from our very efficient Sanitary Inspector and once again I would render thanks to him for his valuable co-operation and services.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. J. FORSYTHE.

Medical Officer of Health.

